

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 28. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Unsatisfactory
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	72.2	73.5	68.5	65.1	67.0	71.2
• Passed 2 subtests	16.3	17.0	18.9	18.3	17.7	15.6
• Passed 1 subtest	8.1	5.4	8.1	10.1	9.9	8.6
• Passed no subtests	3.3	4.1	4.5	6.5	5.4	4.5

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	26.4%	21.3%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	26.4%	22.3%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	54.2%	55.6%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	93.3%	26.4%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	82.4%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	94.0%	26.7%	
Gender			
Male	92.6%	26.5%	
Female	93.8%	26.4%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	85.1%	14.3%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	95.0%	26.7%	
Other	100.0%	100.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	86.0%	4.7%	
Pay for lunch	95.1%	31.5%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	69.6%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	81.6%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,448	N/A	\$5,690	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	88.9%	Down from 93.1%	89.8%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	27.9 to 1	N/A	25.8 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,525)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	62.7%	N/A	48.8%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 96.4%	95.0%	95.3%
• Retention rate	10.9%	Up from 9.1%	9.9%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=89)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5.0 Days	Down from 6.2	7.2 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	93.9%	Down from 97.3%	95.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	43.8%	Down from 46.7%	49.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	86.5%	Up from 83.7%	82.0%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.2%	No change	3.4%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	87.4%	Up from 85.8%	86.9%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,711	Up 4.7%	\$38,621	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	6.1%	Up from 5.2%	2.9%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	57.1%	N/A	57.1%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	19.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	75.8%	N/A	59.7%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	9.8%	Down from 11.8%	9.5%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	29	N/A	29	29
• Gifted and talented	7.1%	Down from 11.4%	10.3%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	11.5%	Up from 9.0%	10.7%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	3.9%	N/A	6.4%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	1245	N/A	373	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	41.8%	N/A	27.9%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Westside High School has experienced a long tradition of academic and athletic success. Located in an urban area, our school population consists of approximately 1650 students. We are a Flagship school that provides a fundamental education to students through programs that include rigorous academics, competitive athletics, and excellent visual and performing arts.

Our curriculum offers courses via Distance Learning within the content areas of Teacher Cadet, German, and English Grammar. Courses in foreign language include French, Spanish, German, Latin, and Russian. We have recently attained national accreditation for our new Engineering Academy through Project Lead the Way.

Our Committee for Strategic Planning involved students, teachers, parents, administrators, business leaders, and members of the community. Together, we assessed the needs of Westside High School and decided to focus on the areas of academics, technology, and character education. It is our desire to structure each area so students are challenged to become life-long learners with the realization that commitment is what transforms a promise into reality – a daily triumph of dignity and respect.

Our instructional staff is committed to providing a quality learning experience for all students. More than 53% of our teachers hold advanced degrees. We have been awarded SC Incentive Awards and recognition for providing fundamental resources to educate children. Parents and community members give over 2100 volunteer hours assisting our staff with clerical and instructional needs. Last year, our seniors were awarded over \$2,000,000 in scholarships.

Last year, four of our students were recognized as being among the most academically talented high school seniors in South Carolina. As a result, each received a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship up to \$5,000.00 annually for eight semesters of full-time study toward a baccalaureate degree at a participating college or university in South Carolina. In addition, our seniors were awarded over \$3,000,000 in scholarships. At Westside High School, all endeavors are a matter of pride.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	92.0	78.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	97.3	86.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	83.8	84.4	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,525 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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